HSPD-12 CERTIFIED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE FOR FEDERAL AGENCY ACQUISITION

WASHINGTON--Today Karen Evans, Administrator for the Office of Management and Budget’s Electronic Government and Information Technology division announced that Federal agencies may now begin procuring HSPD-12 (Homeland Security Presidential Directive-12)-certified products and services.

The guidance for HSPD-12 acquisition is contained in an OMB memorandum issued June 30, 2006, Homeland Security Policy Directive-12 (HSPD-12), “Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors.” The memorandum identifies the schedules that list the products and services available to date for agency acquisition. These products and services meet the mandatory requirements established in OMB’s earlier HSPD-12 policy memorandum.

“Everyone is working hard to meet this challenging deadline, and this memorandum and list of HSPD-12 certified products and services should enable agencies to take the next step in their implementation process,” said Karen Evans. “This government-wide effort demonstrates that we can fulfill the President’s goal to get things done quickly and efficiently.”

“Today’s memo offers an important resource for agencies to advance their implementation plans,” said OMB’s Robert Burton, Associate Administrator for the Office of Federal Procurement Policy. “The guidance describes strategies for purchasing compliant products and services more efficiently and effectively.”

“GSA is ready to implement HSPD-12 and to help other agencies do the same, as the Federal government’s premier acquisition agency,” said GSA Administrator Lurita Doan. “GSA has the tools to help agencies meet the October deadline, effectively and efficiently, and at best value to the government and to taxpayers. We look forward to working closely with our customer agencies to support their ID card programs, so they can concentrate on their core missions.”

Link to OMB June 30, 2006, memorandum:
http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memoranda/index.html

Link to more information on HSPD-12 acquisition: http://idmanagement.gov

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